Plantarum Persiae australis siccatarum

species 440, collectae a Th. Kotschy, determinatae a Dre
E. Boissier, editae a R. F. Hohenacker. Esslingae prope
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The plants which have been collected through the exploring of many in this respect rich lands by the highly meritorious traveller, Mr. Th. Kotschy, in south Persia, for zoology and particularly botany, are now ready for distribution, and the esteemed friends of botany, who wish to acquire these plants for their herbariums, are invited to get in touch with the undersigned.

Since possible lovers may be desirous of learning where these plants were collected, it may be well to give a compact enumeration of the exploited areas. After Mr. Kotschy arrived at Bassorn, from Kurdistan and Mossul on the Tigris and Schat at Arab, he embarked to the island of Karek in the Persian gulf, where as well as on the neighboring island Korgo in December 1841 and in January 1842, he collected some sea-weeds and many at that time blooming phanerogamic plants. In the month of March the naphta well containing, and rich in excellent thriving date palms area of Dalechi, three days travelling northeastwardly from Abuschir, on the edge of the hot Arabien similar shoreland (Pers. Germesir) and lying at the foot of the mountain massif, which forms the Persian plateau, yielded a mass of interesting plants. Also in the environments of the mountain and mountain passes Kotele Malo and at the somewhat higher lying small city of Kaserun in the mountains, where there are many citrus and extensive rice plantings, both of which places lie in the low mountain areas, in the land of the narrow passes (Tangsir), more were collected; but especially rich was the yield in this month in the region of the village Gere, which lies in the district of Komare, south-west of Schiras. Mr. Kotschy spent the months of April and May in the region of Schiras

and Persepolis and collected in the widespread plateau there, on the salt sea Nemek-Derja and on the mountains Kuhbarfi (whose peak according to spproximate estimate is 7000' above the Persian gulf) Kuh-Ajub (6000'), Sabst-Buschom (7700') a great mass of interesting plants. During June he collected at the village Deremgun and on the near lying, 8100' high estimated mountain Kuh-Delu. The months July and August Mr. Kotschy finally devoted to investigating the mountain Kuh-Daena, lying north-westerly of Schivas, and he especially and carefully exploited the higher regions still partly covered with snow in August, with the nearby summits Kosche-Syrch and Posan-Pir.

*) I take the liberty to remark here that through a misunderstanding in the Flora 1845 p. 608 printed notice, instead of Yuan-mountains: Snow mountains are mentioned.

The highest peak of the mountain on which still two varieties (Polygonum radicosum Boiss and Didymophysa Aucheri Boiss) grow, Mr. Kotchy estimates is 11,000' high. Therefor we are indebted to the diligence of this zealous botanist for the compilation of this collection of plant-forms of all higher regions of southern Persia.

A card of the travelled regions and height-profiles according to the travellers designs and descriptions of the habitat of the most interesting plant forms, which is included with each collection and will be sent subsequently for those already forwarded, will serve to make these relationships more clear.

The deserving worker of the eastern flora, Mr. Boissier in Geneva, had the goodness to determine the principal mass of these plants.

The new varieties will be described in Nos. 6 and 7 of the Diagnosis pl. soon to be published. Dr. Fenzl had the goodness to examine the caryophyllaceae, the mosses --of which moreover only one was suitable for all collections -- Dr. P. W. Schimper, and the sea weeds the two Mr. Endlicher and Mr. Diesing (s.v. Mohl and v. Schlechtendal bot. Zeitung 1845 p. 268).

Regarding the arrangement of these collections, I wish to say that the genera are organized according to Endlichers Genera plantarum, and the species according to the alphabet. Each plant is marked with a printed-in a few instances with a written - label, which in addition to the usual also has the name of the botanist, who has determined the plant. With new species occasionally also comparative remarks are added.

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Esslingen, in Dec. 1845.

R. F. Hohenacker.